

# Preliminary Assessment Report

## Project 3028174, 6721 CALIFORNIA AVE SW

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**Assessment Completed:** 6/22/2017

**Project Description:** SEPA-Land Use application to allow a seven-unit rowhouse structure with five surface parking stalls per plan. Existing SFR and garage to be removed.

**Primary Applicant:** [Dave Biddle](#)

This report lists the results of a preliminary assessment of your project requirements by various city departments. It's based on the project characteristics described on your site plan and preliminary application form. If your project required a pre-application site visit (PASV), the results of that site visit are also included. The goal of this report is to help you create a complete submittal package and reduce the need for corrections once your application has been submitted.

### Next Steps

1. Review the requirements in this report and contact the staff members listed below with questions.
2. If a street improvement plan is required, develop and submit it to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). **The Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) will not accept your permit application until your street improvement plan is approved as 60% complete by SDOT. See [SDOT Client Assistance Memo 2213](#) for guidance about the 60% complete approval process.**
3. Schedule an appointment for permit application intake with SDCI. **Please bring a copy of this report to your intake appointment.**

### Questions About This Report

If you have questions about the information in this report, contact the appropriate city staff member for each section.

#### SDCI Drainage Requirements

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## Other Resources

- General questions about the permit process: Contact the SDCI Applicant Services Center (ASC) at 206-684-8850.
- User-friendly guides to city permitting processes: [SDCI](#) and [SDOT](#).
- [Detailed zoning information](#).
- Visit our [permit type pages](#) for step-by-step instructions and forms for preparing your application and plans for review.

## Requirements

### **SDCI Drainage Requirements**

The following requirements are based on the current stormwater and side sewer codes.

**\*\*The new 2016 Stormwater Code becomes effective on January 1, 2016. Projects with an accepted application (successful SDCI permit intake) date after December 31, 2015 will be reviewed under the new code. The drainage requirements indicated below are based on the 2016 Stormwater Code. If your project will be submitted prior to January 1, 2016, please contact the SDCI Drainage Reviewer to determine drainage requirements.\*\***

#### **Existing Public Drainage Infrastructure**

Sanitary sewer main location: **California Ave SW**

Sanitary sewer main size: **21"**

Storm drainage main location: **California Ave SW**

Storm drainage main size: **24"**

#### **Drainage**

Infiltration Investigation Required: **No**

This project is in an area that does not require Infiltration Investigation/Evaluation to meet On-site Stormwater Management, Flow Control, or Water Quality requirements.

#### **Project Type and Drainage Basin**

The storm drainage point of discharge (SMC 22.805.020) is located at: **Public storm drain system**

Project Type: **Parcel-based**

Drainage Basin: **Designated receiving water**

#### **Drainage Control Compliance**

Drainage Review Required: **Yes**

Drainage Control Review is required for this project per SMC 22.807.020. Submit a completed **Standard Construction Stormwater Control and Post Construction Soil Management (CSC/SOIL) Plan** and a completed **Standard Drainage and Wastewater Control (DWC) Plan** including the **Site and Drainage Control Summary** from [On-site Stormwater Management Calculator](#).

Note: For projects with 5,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced hard surface, a comprehensive drainage control plan, construction stormwater control plan, soil amendment plan, and drainage report shall be prepared by a licensed engineer.

Soil Amendment Required: **Yes**

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.030.A, 22.805.040.A, or 22.805.050.A. Complete the **Post Construction Soil Management Plan** on the [Standard CSC/SOIL Plan](#).

On-site Stormwater Management Required: **Yes**

Parcel-based projects with 7,000 square feet or more of land disturbing activity, 1,500 square feet or more of new plus replaced hard surface or, if on a lot or parcel created or reduced in size on or after January 1, 2016, 750 square feet or more of new plus replaced hard surface, must implement **On-site Stormwater Management** (infiltration, dispersion, bioretention, green roofs, permeable pavement, rainwater harvesting, etc.) to manage runoff from all hard surfaces on-site per SMC 22.805.050.B. and Director's Rule 21-2015.

Submit an [On-site Stormwater Management Calculator](#) and show the On-site Stormwater Management BMP's and surface designation on the [Standard Drainage and Wastewater Control Plan](#).

Flow Control Required: **No\***

Based on the information provided, adherence to Flow Control Standards is not required for this project.

\*Note: if groundwater will be discharged to the public drainage system, Flow Control may be required. Projects which propose to permanently discharge groundwater shall comply with Minimum Requirements for Discharges to a Capacity-constrained System, SMC Section 22.805.050.A.6 and SMC Section 22.805.060.A.6.

### **Water Quality**

No requirements

### **Wastewater**

The wastewater point of discharge (SMC 21.16.070.B) is located at **Public Sanitary Sewer.**

**King County Capacity Charge:** All homeowners and building owners in King County's service area (i.e. all Seattle Public Utility Combined and Sanitary Sewers) whose home or building was connected, reconnected or had a new service established to a sewage facility served by King County on or after Feb. 1, 1990 must pay a [King County Capacity Charge](#). (King County Code No. 28.84.050.0.1)

### **Permanent and Temporary Dewatering**

The footing drain (if part of building plan) point of discharge ([DPD DR 4-2011](#)) is located at the following: **Public storm drain system.**

### **Side Sewer**

The existing side sewer for a new or converted building or dwelling unit may be reused pursuant to SMC 21.16.240.

If there is an increase of dwelling units or buildings the [Side Sewer Evaluation and Certification Form](#) must be completed by a licensed engineer.

## **SDCI Land Use Code Requirements**

### **Street Requirements**

Based on the scope of the proposed project, the following street improvements are required per Chapter 23.53 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Please review Right-of-Way Improvements Manual for design criteria (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/manual/>). Show required street improvements on your "enhanced site plan" at SDCI permit application intake. If an SDOT Street Improvement Plan (SIP) is required, please list SDOT project number and SDOT contact name on the enhanced site plan. Street Improvement Plans must be accepted by SDOT prior to SDCI permit application intake.

#### **SW WILLOW ST**

Based on the documents provided, no street improvements are required per SMC 23.53.015 and SMC 23.53.006

New structures must be designed to accommodate right-of-way improvements. To ensure that driveways and pedestrian access points are designed to match these future street improvements, please use the Building Grade Calculator, which can be found at <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/gradesheetintro.htm>

Street trees shall be provided in the planting strip according to Seattle Department of Transportation Tree Planting Standards. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry (for residential projects: (206) 684-TREE; for all others: (206) 684-5693), to determine species of tree and standards of planting. Please add a note to the site plan showing size, location and species of tree to be planted.

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## Alley Requirements ALLEY WEST OF SITE

Based on the submitted documents, no alley improvements are required per SMC 23.53.030

Design structure to accommodate grade of future alley improvements. See <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/gradesheetintro.htm>.

## Land Use

Based on the project scope and/or location of environmentally critical areas on the development site, SEPA may be required. See CAM 208 for more details.

Design Review is required; see CAM 238 for more details. Departures from development standards should be identified as early as possible in the application process.

## Other Requirements

A presubmittal conference is required before submitting an application. Details for preparing and submitting a presubmittal request form can be found at our Web site ([http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building Permits/default.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building_Permits/default.asp)).

## Pre-Application Site Visit (PASV) Requirements

PASV report requirements may be subject to additions, changes, or modifications by the department. The purpose of the report is to alert the applicant that there may be unusual or complex site conditions that trigger requirements from the department regarding this project. **The applicant is responsible for providing all required documents at the intake appointment.** If you have questions about this report or the PASV process, please contact the SDCI Site Development Team at (206) 684-8860.

**Note:** Any project application associated with the development site can utilize the results from this PASV if the application is accepted by SDCI within 24 months of the above inspection date. After 24 months, the applicant must apply for another PASV. No extensions will be granted.

## ECA Mapping Unit and Type

Non-ECA

## Earth Disturbance

If excavation has the potential to encroach on adjacent property in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide documentation of consent from the adjacent property owner. Show area of proposed encroachment on the submitted drawings and detailed cross-sections.

If temporary cuts greater than 1h:1v will be required in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide a geotechnical engineer's verification that soil conditions allow cuts to stand unsupported. Include detailed cross sections.

Please show all existing and proposed retaining walls/rockeries and the exposed height.

If shoring will be required, please provide submittals by geotechnical and structural engineers and show the proposed system on the submitted drawings. Include detailed cross sections.

## Existing ROW Conditions

### SW WILLOW ST

Street conditions:

Asphalt paving

Curbs conditions:

Curbs adjacent to site

Concrete

Approximate curb height: 5 inches

A storm inlet does not appear to be located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way.

### **CALIFORNIA AVE SW**

Street conditions:

Asphalt paving

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Concrete

Approximate curb height: 2-3 inches

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way.

It appears that drainage from that discharge point will remain in the gutter line all the way to the nearest inlet structure, but this assessment is preliminary and it is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all relevant SW code requirements.

### **ALLEY WEST OF SITE**

Concrete paving

V-shaped cross-section

Downstream inlet prior to crossing sidewalk

### **Potential Impacts to Seattle Parks Property**

No parks property in vicinity

### **Tree Protection**

Trees greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground are present on the site but not shown on the site plan. Show the dripline of

1) **all** trees on the site,

2) adjacent trees that encroach on the site that are greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground, and

3) **all** trees located in the adjacent ROW.

Include common and scientific names for all trees shown. For more information, see [Director's Rule 16-2008](#) and [Tip 242](#).

Per [SMC 25.11](#) and [DR 16-2008](#), exceptional trees may be located on the site. Clearly label all exceptional trees.

### **Construction Stormwater Control**

All projects with earth disturbance, regardless of size, require temporary and permanent stormwater control in accordance with the Construction Stormwater Control (CSC) Technical Requirements Manual ([DR 21-2015, Volume 2](#)).

**Show the following on the [Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan](#):**

Place compost socks, compost berms, filter fabric fencing, straw bales, straw wattles, or other approved perimeter control BMPs to eliminate construction stormwater runoff.

Show the location of a stabilized construction access to the site; show methods to eliminate uncontrolled conveyance of mud and dirt into the right of way (ROW).

Place silt-trapping inserts in receiving catch basins located within 10 feet of construction entrance.

Cover bare soil with compost blankets, straw, mulch, matting, or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

Cover stockpiles and bare slopes with compost blankets, tarps, matting or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

A First Ground Disturbance inspection is required before any ground disturbance related to this permit, including demolition, tree cutting, clearing, grubbing, and grading. After your permit is issued, schedule an inspection by calling (206) 684-8900 or [online](#) at <http://web1.seattle.gov/DPD/InspectionRequest/default.aspx>.

### **Inspectors Notes**

Site is relatively level. Adjacent SW Willow St slopes down to the west. Specify locations and depths of proposed grading activities.

## **Seattle City Light Requirements**

## Easements

SCL power easement may be required. Property survey may be required at project's expense.

SCL blanket power easement over the entire parent parcel may be required. Property survey may be required at project's expense. If this is a unit lot subdivision, a blanket easement is needed.

Other requirements: The project appears to be one development site. The electrical service to the new buildings will need to be consolidated from one service strike from SCL's distribution system. Per SCL Requirements for Electric Service Connection, <http://www.seattle.gov/light/contractors/resc/>, Chapter 5, page 28: "Single Service Rule", SCL will provide only one service to a site or building.

## Notes to Applicant

For new service, please contact the Electrical Service Representative for your area several months before new service is required to determine your electric service design, service location and what kind of service is available at the building site. The design of the distribution system to serve the site shall be within the sole discretion of City Light. An Application for Electrical Service must be submitted to Seattle City Light. The Electrical Service Representative should also be contacted to coordinate electrical disconnections prior to demolition and temporary power for construction. Your Electrical Service Representative is: Mike Gabrielson, 206-727-3591, [michael.gabrielson@seattle.gov](mailto:michael.gabrielson@seattle.gov). Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from City Light. Failure to contact City Light early in the permit process could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

## SDOT Requirements

The City of Seattle's Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and SDOT's Street & Sidewalk Pavement Opening and Restoration (PORR) Director's Rule 2004-02 may be accessed from SDOT's Street Use website at: [http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse\\_docs.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm). Whenever possible, specific reference notation for these two design documents is noted next to the design characteristics below. Be advised that these specific section and chapter references are provided as preliminary guidance only and are not comprehensive in scope.

### SDOT Permitting Information

Initial Review Deposit: To be determined

SDOT Plan Requirements: Plan

SDOT Permit Requirements: Group 1:Over-the-Counter. Obtain from SDOT anytime prior to construction in the right of way.

Based on the scope of your project and the proximity to the lot line a SIP may be triggered by the extent of construction impacts to existing street, sidewalk or alley improvements. If more than 2,000 sf of impervious surface in the right of way will be replaced a SIP will be required.

All private uses of the public right-of-way (ROW) require review by SDOT and may require a Public Space Management Annual permit. Review considerations include the location and purpose of the proposed use, the public interest served by the proposed use, the current and future needs for the ROW. All PSM Annual permits are revocable with 30 days' notice and may require insurance or indemnification. Some private uses may trigger a term permit, which requires City Council approval. PSM permits have an annual fee. Stairs in the ROW require annual PSM permit.

### Existing conditions review

Consider bicycle safety enhancements. Refer to the city's [Bicycle Master Plan Update](#) for best practices. In-street bike facility on California Ave SW

Consider pedestrian and bicycle accessibility and safety enhancements along the existing [Safe Routes to School](#) walking route. California Ave SW

### Street Improvement Requirements SW WILLOW ST

SDOT Urban Forestry requires protection and retention of existing trees in the right-of-way unless specifically exempted. Refer to the Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) 4.14.

New/replacement sidewalk: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) as well as the City of Seattle Standard Plan 420, 421 and 422.

Reinstall curb and planting strip at existing, unutilized driveway. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and the City of Seattle Standard Plan 410.

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### **Alley Requirements** **ALLEY WEST OF SITE**

Provide all vehicle access to the site via the alley.

Provide trash collection via the alley. Coordinate with SPU.

### **Discretionary ROW Improvements**

ADA compliant curb ramps are strongly recommended to support pedestrian access to the site. ADA compliant curb ramps will be required if construction impacts the landing of the curb ramp.

## **SPU Requirements**

### **Flow Control Compliance**

Soil Amendment. Retain and protect undisturbed soil in areas not being developed, and prior to completion of the project, amend all new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil (including construction lay-down areas) with organic matter to the extent required by and in compliance with the rules promulgated by the Director.

On-site Stormwater Management. All trail and sidewalk projects with 2,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced hard surface or 7,000 square feet or more of land disturbing activity shall meet the Minimum Requirements for On-site Stormwater Management contained in Section 22.805.070, to the extent allowed by law.

### **Water Availability**

Your water availability assessment has been approved.

Water Availability Certificate reference number: 20170661

Water Availability Certificate status: Approved with No Changes

Prepared by: Mike Dotson

### **Existing Water System Information**

Proximity of nearest fire hydrant is: 165 feet E of property. Meets standards.

Water Main:

Size: 8 inches

Material: Cast Iron

Class: c

- Standard

- Abutting

Water Main is available to serve in: California Avenue SW

Distance of main to N margin of street is 19 feet.

Public ROW width is 60 feet.

Water Service(s):

Size: 3/4"

Material: Copper

## **Other Requirements**

Owners of residential property occupied by a tenant who will be displaced by housing demolition, substantial rehabilitation, change of use, or removal of use restrictions may need to obtain a Tenant Relocation License. Refer to SDCI Tip 123, Seattle's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, for further information and instructions or call (206) 684-7979.

If your project involves additions or modification to or demolition of an existing building that contains four or more dwelling units or 4,000 square feet or more of non-residential area, and the building is a designated historic landmark or is 50 years old and meets the criteria set forth in SMC 25.12 for landmark designation, SEPA is required. Please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at (206) 684-0228 or [www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation) to determine if your building is a designated landmark or if a referral is necessary to determine if the building meets the criteria in SMC 25.12. Refer to Tip 208 for information regarding the application requirements for a SEPA review and Tip 3000 for information regarding landmarks and historic preservation.



If the scope of your proposed project changes before your SDCI intake appointment or SDOT street improvement plan application, the requirements in this report may change. If there are municipal code and ordinance changes before our SDCI intake appointment, the project must meet the new code requirements. Additional street improvement requirements may be triggered if a permit application for a development project on adjacent property is also undergoing review.

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